

# GERMANS HELP REDS OF RUSSIA

## IS POLISH CLAIM

### Armed Forces Reported on

## Silesia German Battles on East Front.

By the Associated Press.

WARSAW, May 20.—Information indicating that German elements in Germany are determined to fight in Silesia, and that the bolshevik continues to be received here, it is said in military circles. The latest report is regarding Upper Silesia, where German armed forces have been assembled on the borders of the Polish provinces of Silesia and East Prussia. News agencies here today published prominently dispatches stating that 4,000 security troops have been moved in Upper Silesia by special train.

For weeks, it is declared, Germans have been in concentration in Upper Silesia, hiding it beneath belts of railroad cars. Military authorities say that the German army is planning troop movements in this region, for the purpose of compelling the Poles to withdraw their forces from the region and thus weaken the bolshevik front.

Warsaw papers recently printed re-

Poland toward the eastward, and crossed the army headquarters afterward confirmed this information. There is much speculation as to whether the Zepinovs were offered to join the bolsheviks or were carrying away men named for extradition by the allies.

**Poles Claim Success.**

Polish troops, counter-attacking bolshevik forces on the northern sector of the battle front, have driven the soviet armies back twelve and a half miles near Krayezepovo, according to an official statement issued here today.

The statement declares that on the middle Beresina sector the bolsheviks were driven back and ordered to force their way across the river.

**Reds Capture Towns.**  
LONDON, May 20 (by the Associated

Press)—Confirmation that the bolsheviks have captured the towns of Polotsk and Lepel, in the government of Vitebsk, was given by an authoritative British source today. It was stated that the bolsheviks have advanced thirty miles in depth along a front of forty to fifty miles.

**COAL CONSUMERS ASKED  
TO ORDER SUPPLIES NOW**

Co-operation Is Invited in Safeguarding the City's Fuel for Coming Winter.

Co-operation on the part of Washington consumers in safeguarding the city's supply of coal next winter by

ordering now, is asked by the Coal Merchants' Board of Trade. Unless

The situation which confronts local coal merchants is a somewhat complex one. Though the supply for Washington has been received in fairly reasonable quantities, the coal has not yet been sold to consumers immediately upon its arrival, resulting in a lack of any definite demand for the coal. The machines of Washington dealers are practically empty.

Coal merchants are anxious to supply their customers with winter coal now in order that reserve coal for the summer may be sold. The possibility of a famine in coal for Washington next winter, and dealers

say they do not wish to alarm their customers, it is stated. But the situation in the past does not indicate any

rapid improvement during the summer.

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## ALL PARTIES TO BACK NEW NITTI CABINET

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Italian Premier Retains Scialoja  
as Foreign Minister in

**Ministry.**  
**ROME, May 20.**—Radical, liberal

democratic, constitutional democratic and reformist party leaders held separate meetings tonight and decided to support Premier Nitti's cabinet, the formation of which will be officially announced tomorrow.

LONDON, May 21.—Premier Francesco Nitti has formed his new cabinet with the support of the Catholics, according to a Paris dispatch to the London Times. It is composed as follows: Premier and minister of interior, Giovanni Nitti; minister of foreign affairs, Antonio Salandra; minister of justice, Francesco Saverio

terior, Francesco Nitti, foreign minister, Vittorio Scialoja; of war, Signor Bonomi; marine, Admiral Secchi.

works, Signor Nava; instruction, Signor Torre; treasury, Signor Schanzer; finance, Signor Alessio. Other portfolios were given to Signors Bertini, Miceli and Fera.

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## INCREASES IN RENTS ALLOWED; OTHERS CUT

In a determination announced yesterday the rent commission permitted increases in the rents of a storeroom and

two flats at 833 14th street northwest. Charles F. McCarthy, complainant, asked that instead of the present rent of

ed that instead of the present rents of \$165 for the store room, \$45 for the first floor, \$30 for the second floor, and \$15 for the commission allow \$250, \$100 and \$75, respectively. In its determination the commission allowed \$200, \$65 and \$45, respectively.

Reduction of rents of nine apartments in the Chateau Thierry apartment house at 1920 S street northwest was asked in a complaint filed with the rent commission yesterday. The complaining tenants alleged that \$30 a month, for rent and furnished room, was excessive.

charged for unfurnished two-room kitchenette, bath and hallway apartments, was exorbitant.

**FOREIGN BORN VISIT HERE**

**Eight Nationalities Represented in Group of Ninety-one Women.**

Eight nationalities were represented in a group of ninety-one women from Baltimore who today visited Washington and Mount Vernon under the auspices of the Women's Civic

League of Baltimore, which has been conducting Americanization classes in settlement houses in the Mary-

seven settlement houses in the land city. Mrs. Evelyn Verplank, who has charge of these classes, and Mrs. May Edgett, head worker of Reid Memorial Guild House in Baltimore, are in charge of the party.

The visitors, nearly all of whom are foreign born, called at the White House shortly before noon.

## FIFTH ENGINEERS CELEBRATE

**Members Observe Third Anniversary of Regiment's Formation.**  
Members of the 5th United States Engineers are today celebrating the third anniversary of the organization of the regiment with a field day and review at Camp Humphries, under the direction of Col. Richard Park, the District Engineer.